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Overview

This is the annual, omnibus liquor bill.

Article 1: Recodification

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This article recodifies statutes pertaining to brewers, brewpubs, and other licensed entities. The recodification was completed by the Revisor, at the request of the 2014 Legislature.

Article 2: Miscellaneous Alcohol Provisions

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- Off-sale bottles. Allows microdistillers to sell one 375 milliliter bottle per customer per day at off-sale, if authorized by the local licensing authority. Sales are limited to hours for other off-sale establishments in a municipality and to those brands available for distribution by wholesalers.
- **Small brewer license**. Allows small brewers to sell 750 milliliter bottles and 64-ounce growlers on Sundays, if authorized by the local licensing authority.
- **Interest in other business.** Allows brewpubs to sell 750 milliliter bottles and 64-ounce growlers, if authorized by the local licensing authority.

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- **Special provision; city of Minneapolis.** Allows Minneapolis to issue a liquor license for the Norway House.
- **Temporary on-sale licenses.** Allows a municipality to issue a temporary on-sale license to a microdistillery.
- **6 Proof of age.** Allows the use of a valid instructional permit as proof of age for alcohol purchases.
- 7 **Intoxicating liquor.** Allows an 8:00 a.m. on-sale opening time for liquor sales.
- **8 12 Special licenses.** Allows liquor licenses for golf courses in Becker, Duluth, and Inver Grove Heights; for the Municipal Athletic Complex in St. Cloud; and for a wedding event center in Brooklyn Park.
- **Powdered Alcohol Policy Analysis.** Requires testimony by state agencies on powdered alcohol; delays legal approval of powdered alcohol until June 1, 2016.
- State Fair; Brew Pub Sales. Allows brewpubs to sell kegs of beer for sale at a single location at the annual State Fair, per their licenses.